

REMARKS

Claims 22-42 and 59-78 were pending up to this Amendment and Election.

Claims 22-42, 66-68, and 71-78 are rejected.

Claims 22-42, 66-68, and 71-78 are cancelled.

Claims 59-65 are allowed.

Claim 69 is amended.

Claims 59-65 and 69-70 are pending as a result of this Amendment.

The Examiner articulated bases for rejecting claims 22-42, 66-68, and 71-78. Applicant is canceling those claims in the interest of issuing the unrejected claims. Applicant will address the patentability of claims 22-42, 66-68, and 71-78 in a related application. Accordingly, Applicant requests these claims be cancelled without prejudice.

As for the unrejected claims, the Examiner expressly allowed claims 59-65. Applicant cannot find a basis for rejecting claims 69-70 articulated in the Office Action dated 12/14/04. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 69 to independent form, expressly including the limitations expressed in claims 66-68. Dependent claim 70 benefits accordingly.

Conclusion

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the claims are allowable. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all of the pending claims. If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

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